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SUMMARY: FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE, ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION (ALO)

GOVERNING BODY, HELD QUARTERLY MEETING AT BEIRUT TO REVIEW CURRENT

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PLANS AND ACTIVITIES. COMMITTEE APPROVED PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ARAB

TECHNICAL AID TO AFRICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS--AS COUNTER TO HISTADRUT ACTIVITIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA-AND DECIDED TO ESPATCH ALO MISSION TO ARAB CAPITALS TO DRUM UP CONTRIBUTIONS. COMMITTEE APPROVED CREATION OF TWO ALO REGIONAL OFFICES AT SITES TO BE DETERMINED IN ME AND NORTH AFRICA, RESPECTIVELY. NO RPT NO AGREEMENT HOWEVER EMERGED OVER CONSENSUS ARAB CANDIDATE FOR ILO DEPUT DIRECTOR GENERAL POST PREVIOUSLY HELD BY EGYPTIAN. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE TRIPARTITE ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION HELD ITS ONCE-A-QUARTER MEETING AT BEIRUT ON OCT. 21-24. (COMMITTEE IS ALO'S BETWEEN-CONFERENCE GOVERNING BODY, COMPOSED OF FOUR ELECTED MEMBERS--CURRENTLY FROM LEBANON, LIBYA, SUDAN AND SYRIA.) SESSION WAS NOTEWORTHY AS FIRST HELD OUTSIDE OF CAIRO. WHILE NO RPT NO MAJOR DECISIONS WERE REACHED, MEETING PROVIDED READING ON SOME CURRENT ISSUES WITHIN ALO. ACCORDING TO LEBANESE PARTICIPANT, MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS INCLUDED:

2. AID TO AFRICA. PARALLELING RECENT ARAB SUMMIT'S FOCUS ON FOLLOW-UP ASSISTANCE TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (RABAT 5266), COMMITTEE DISCUSSED WAYS AND MEANS TO AID AFRICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AS DECIDED AT ALO CONFERENCE AT RABAT IN MARCH 1974 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE BY AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE AT CONAKRY. IT APPROVED OUTLINE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AIMED AT COUNTERING HISTADRUT ACTIVITIES IN LABOR FIELD IN AFRICA AND CHARGED FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (HAMID KHOURY OF LEBANON) AND ALO DIRECTOR GENERAL (DR. TAYEB AL-HODAYRI OF ALGERIA) WITH MISSION OF VISITING ARAB CAPITALS IN NEAR FUTURE TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS (IN TERMS OF FUNDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL) FOR ALO PROGRAM AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE INCREASED DIRECT AID BY ARAB GOVTS.

3. ALO HEADQUARTERS LOCATION. MOVE BY LIBYAN TO CHALLENGE EXISTING CAIRO SITE OF ALO HQS. WAS FINESSED BY REFERRAL TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMITTEE (ALO CONSTITUTION STATES HQS. TO BE THAT OF ARAB LEAGUE, ERGO CAIRO). FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE, IN ATTEMPT TO ATTENUATE LONGSTANDING DISPUTE OVER HQS. LOCATION, APPROVED CREATION OF TWO ALO REGIONAL OFFICES (SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT NEXT CONFERENCE IN LIBYA IN MARCH 1975) AT SITES TO BE DETERMINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ME AND NORTH AFRICA, RESPECTIVELY.

4. ARAB CANDIDATE FOR ILO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POST. NO CONSENSUS CANDIDATE EMERGED FROM DISCUSSIONS OVER WHICH ARAB TO SUPPORT FOR POST PREVIOUSLY HELD BY ABBAS AMMAR OF EGYPT. EGYPTIANS INTEND TO PUSH ABDELMOGHNI SAID (UNDER SECRETARY OF EGYPTIAN MANPOWER MINISTER) BUT REPORTEDLY HAVE SECOND, UNIDENTIFIED EGYPTIAN CANDIDATE IN RESERVE AS WELL. NORTH AFRICANS APPEAR TO HAVE CANDI-

DATES OF THEIR OWN. LEBANESE OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT GOL, AFTER
FLOATING TW TRIAL BALLOONS (MARWAN NASR AND JSEPH DONATO), HAD
DECIDED TO SUPPORT JORDANIAN (DR. SALEH BURGAN) WHO IS DIRECTOR
OF ILO REGIONAL OFFICE AT BEIRUT AND HAS MODERATE CREDENTIALS.
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